

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-14, and 16-22 are pending.

Claims 1-6, 8-14, 21, and 22 were rejected under Section 112, Second paragraph for various informalities. The claims have been amended and the Section 112 rejection is believed to be overcome.

Independent claims 1, 10, 12-14, and 16 were rejected under Section 103 in view of Park et al. (U.S. Pat. Publ. No. 2001/0039594). In response, the independent claims have been amended to recite additional detail about the job definition statement, namely, that the job definition statement includes elements as enumerated in Fig. 3 and described beginning on page 12 of the pending specification. In addition, a corresponding process is executed for each such element.

A review of Park et al. does not reveal at all any of the recited elements. For example, a review of Park's discussion of job specification file beginning at paragraph [0041] does not reveal:

“elements in the job definition statement and executes a corresponding process for each element, the elements including:  
a root element in the job definition statement, referred to as a policy;  
an element for grouping policy conditions and policy actions,  
referred to as policy rules;  
an element for grouping a plurality of the policy rules, referred to as a policy group;  
an element that waits for an event, referred to as a policy wait event condition;  
an element that waits for a specified amount of time, referred to as a policy schedule condition;  
an element that waits for a specified policy command action to terminate, referred to as a policy command result condition; and  
an element that defines a validity period of a root policy rule, referred to as a policy rule validity period”

as recited in claim 1, for example. See also independent claims 10, 12-14, and 16.

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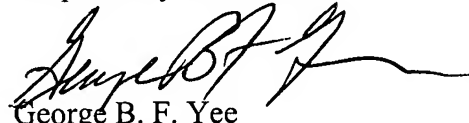
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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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